

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claim 5 which, in turn, has been cancelled. Claim 6 has been amended to change the dependency from claim 5 to claim 1. Finally, new claims 32 and 33 have been added. Claim 32 depends from claim 10; claim 33, from 32.

Applicant elects Group I. While disagreeing with the position that "the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process" because, inter alia, laser drilling produces large pores which scatter light and, thus, render the device opaque, this election is without traverse.

In addition to the foregoing, Applicant elects Species I (Figures 1 – 8). Applicant states that claims 1 – 4, 6-15, 17, 32 and 33 are readable on this species

Enclosed is a new Information Disclosure Statement, which lists prior art that has come to Applicant's attention since the prior filing.

If the Examiner has any questions on any of the forgoing, she is requested to contact the undersigned at 505-768-7375.

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